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Letter To Editor

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Appomattox, Virginia

Dear Friends:

Just a word to encourage local support for the Blood-mobile visit which will in Appomattox on Tuesday, November 28th, from 12 noon until 6 p.m. The last visit was successful but more participation was needed, we fell short of the goal by several units. May I personally urge every possible donor to give blood this time. It is so easy to forget, or to say "Let the other fellow give this time," but what if all said this there would be no blood given. As you know, blood means life without blood there is no life in the human body. Recently I had occasion to visit and to pray for a young man who had been in a serious automobile accident here in our town. His condition required seven units of blood during necessary surgery. The hospital was short of the blood type he needed, and a student nurse at the hospital gave blood right there for that young man. Thank God, he is living and well today. I gave blood over at Liberty the last visit, and had a great time visiting and getting to know many fine people. I plan to give this visit, wouldn't miss it. It's a fairly simple procedure and it is so rewarding. Will you give this time?

Henry E. Riley, Jr., Pastor
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Appomattox, Virginia
November 13, 1972

Dear Mr. Vaughan,

I would like to express my appreciation to you and your staff for your consideration and generosity to the high school.

You are always so kind in printing our articles and giving us wonderful publicity. I am thinking especially of the Latin Club.

Too, I certainly am grateful for all the copies of the paper you sent to be used in my English Class.

I consider the **Times-Virginian** an excellent paper, for which we should be proud and grateful.

Again, I would like to say, "**Thank You**" for your kindness.

Sincerely,
Claudine O'Brien

One of the state government's most frequently requested publications is the official state highway map, updated and re-issued each year by the Department of Highways. One and a half million copies will be distributed this year. They are available without charge from the department, the Virginia State Travel Service and other travel organizations, and from highway information stations.

Vepco Declares Quarterly Dividend

The Board of Directors of Virginia Electric and Power Company today declared a quarterly dividend of 28 cents per share on the common stock payable December 20, 1972 to stockholders of record at the close of business on November 30, 1972.

Also, the board declared the following quarterly dividends on the ten series of preferred stock including an initial dividend on its most recent issue. The dividends declared were: $1.25 per share on the $5.00 dividend preferred; $1.01 per share on the $4.04 dividend preferred; $1.05 per share on the $4.20 dividend preferred; $1.03 per share or the $4.12 dividend preferred; $1.20 per share on the $4.80 dividend preferred; $1.83 per share on the $7.72 dividend preferred; $2.21 per share on the $8.84 dividend preferred; $1.8625 per share on the $7.45 dividend preferred and $1.80 per share on the $7.20 dividend preferred stock.

An initial dividend of $1.6298 per share (for the period from the date of the issuance on October 4, 1972 to December 20, 1972) was declared on the $7.72 dividend preferred stock (1972 series).

All dividends are payable December 20, 1972, to stockholders of record at the close of business on November 30, 1972.

The Pastor Speaks

SEASON OF THANKSGIVING

During the winter of 1623 the Pilgrim Fathers settled on the shores of New England, and suffered a serious famine. Corn became so scarce that Governor Bradford allowed only a few grains of corn each day for each person. Many became servants to the Indians for a cup full of corn and others fell to stealing . . . some starved and died from cold and hunger.

The great hopes that the Pilgram Fathers had that year for the full harvest were soon destroyed by a drought which lasted from May until July. Bradford then declared a day of prayer for rain . . . the Lord heard and answered that prayer that afternoon . . . for this the Pilgrims set aside a day of Thanksgiving. In subsequent and more prosperous years that bitter winter was remembered by a devout and unforgettable custom . . . before Thanksgiving dinner was served a few grains of corn were placed beside each plate as a reminder of the sacrifices and the courage of those early pioneers.

Of all the peoples of the world Americans have most for which to be thankful our cities have not been leveled . . . our crops have not been destroyed . . . our freedoms have not been taken from us. While there is much which could be improved in government, business and society, we still have the best of everything in the world.

Chief among our blessings as a nation is our spiritual heritage . . . Thanksgiving Day commemorates the providential care of Almighty God. It reminds us that ours is a mighty heritage of spiritual truth and personal freedom. But America needs to turn to God . . . there needs to be a recognition of His bounty, a crying out for mercy, a turning from sin, a thankfulness that in all the world ours in a land of plenty, of opportunity, of freedom . . . we should be glad that God sent His Son and that our nation, above all others, stands for Christianity.

Must I be thankful once a year

The Sunday School Lesson

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Comment on the International Sunday School lesson for November 26, 1972 What Kind of Peace? - Scripture: Micah 4:1-4; Matthew 24:3-14; James 4:1-10 - "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God." Matthew 5:9

Both the Bible and the imagination of the human mind picture the ideal world as one of peace. In his finer, more idealistic efforts man works for peace. He devises methods by which nations may resolve their differences without resorting to war as a means of settlement: diplomacy; arbitration, under which nations submit their controversies to a commission and agree to accept the decision; organizations, such as the League of Nations and the United Nations.

And only for a day,
While blessings all my life appear
Illumining my way?
Unnumbered mercies, rich and free
On me have been bestowed,
Though oft it ne'er occurred to me
From whom these mercies flowed.
For food and raiment, health and strength
We thank the God of grace;
Such bounty never has been meant
To make our service less.
But most of all we thank our God
For grace so rich and free,
That brought our Saviour from above
To die on Calvary.

Rev. Earnie W. Lucas, Pastor
Bible Baptist Church
Appomattox, Va. 24522

Man's effort for peace have not proved successful. Diplomacy breaks down, and diplomats reach impasses in their negotiations. The resurging spirit of nationalism after World War I made arbitration, despite some notable successes, a matter of history. The League of Nations proved ineffectual against the aggressions which came to a climax in World War II. So-called small wars have featured the post-World War II era, and probably the greatest deterrent to a third world war has been fear of the terrifyingly destructive powers of nuclear weapons.

To their credit, people persist in the effort for peace, despite the formidable obstacles in the way.

Although the Scriptures portray a world at peace as the ideal world, they also realistically warn that mankind will not get a world at peace until God is truly ruler of the world.

In interpreting the Scriptural prophecies of peace, man mistakes the emphases of these prophecies. For example, from the beautiful and similar word pictures of a world at peace in the prophecies of Isaiah (chapter 2) and Micah (chapter 4), we stress the beating of swords into ploughshares and spears into pruning hooks and living in security under one's own vine and fig tree. But these are the fruits of a world at peace, not the planting and cultivation of a world at peace.

Isaiah and Micah, in their inspired insight, do not show the fruits as coming until after the tree is planted and cultivated. That tree is the knowledge of God and submission to Him as Lord by the people of the world. Both prophets write, ". . . the house of the Lord shall be established . . . and many nations shall come and say: 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and we may walk in his paths.'"

In stressing the statement of Jesus (Matthew 24) that "you will hear of wars and rumors of wars" and sometimes misinterpreting that wars are a sign of the end of the age (Jesus pictured wars as features of the continuing history of mankind), the significant condition is often overlooked: "And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached throughout the whole world, as a testimony to all nations; and then the end will come."

What, then, can the believer do to promote peace and speed the day when the world will be at peace? He can, of course, as citizen support peaceful policies of government and exert his influence in behalf of such policies. But if he stops with this, he limits himself to an effort which in the past has proved and will continue to prove futile. More importantly, the believer has the responsibility to work toward making the reign of God a reality on earth through taking the Gospel of the Prince of Peace to all the world. It is only as people become truly disciples, putting first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, that peace will prevail.

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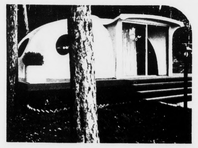

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